

DISCUSSION DRAFT

Goals

- increased coordination with all levels of governments and agencies (federal, tribal, state, local), stakeholder groups, private landowners, and others;
- increased effectiveness through leveraging of existing networks, relationships, and multiagency venues;
- improved sharing of data, information, tools and science among governments and agencies;
- better alignment of planning, policies and regulations across governments and agencies; and coordinated and streamlined permitting to increase regulatory certainty.

Guiding Principles

1. respect and value the roles and responsibilities of other agencies
2. work together to identify common goals for natural resource conservation
3. involve each other early and often during their planning work
4. strive for shared ownership of conservation goals and practices in their plans
5. empower interagency teams to find solutions and resolve areas of conflict
6. seek small, early successes that can lead to broader solutions for larger issues
7. use inclusive, transparent, and collaborative processes to increase trust and improve relationships
8. consider new approaches to long-standing issues
9. use science as an important foundation for planning and policy
10. provide a framework for learning conservation work
11. take an outcome-based approach at a regional scale for setting policies and regulations

Recommended Practices and Tools

1. involve all agencies with overlapping authorities at the beginning and throughout their planning process
2. start the process by providing clear and concise preliminary goals and objectives
3. use standard terms and make relevant data available to all parties
4. offer ground rules for participation that are clear and accepted
5. document all significant agreements and commitments
6. identify areas of agreement and respect and acknowledge areas of disagreement
7. involve objective, third-party facilitation to guide public engagement and resolve conflicts
8. use deliberative approaches with stakeholder involvement for issues or areas of high risk and high uncertainty
9. adopt collaborative adaptive management for all-party involvement with actions that involve considerable risk and uncertainty
10. engage staff and make resources available to help the alignment of their plans, programs, policies, and regulations